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FOR AMBASSADOR CARGO

1. DEPT IS VERY DISTURBED BY REPORT REF A THAT NEPAL INTENDS TO VOTE FOR HOSTILE DRAFT RES ON KOREA, GIVEN PREVIOUS ASSURANCES THAT GON WOULD ABSTAIN ON BOTH DRAFT RESES AND TRADITIONAL NEPALESE POSITION OF ABSTENTION ON KOREAN QUESTION.

2. AMBASSADOR CARGO SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SEEK AT LEAST DOWN-THE-LINE GON ABSTENTION ON ALL ASPECTS OF KOREA AT 29TH UNGA. IN HIS PRESENTATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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AMBASSADOR SHOULD EXPRESS OUR EXTREME DISAPPOINTMENT WITH

NEPALESE ACTIONS ON KHMER ISSUE ALONG LINES REF C AND STRESS THAT US SIMPLY WOULD NOT RPT NOT UNDERSTAND SUDDEN GON SHIFT ON KOREA GIVEN FACTS OUTLINED PARA 1 ABOVE, CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OF FRIENDLY DRAFT AND UNCONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OF HOSTILE DRAFT.

3. OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION THIS YEAR MAKES CLEAR THAT WE ARE WILLING SERIOUSLY TO RESTUDY UN ROLE IN KOREA, INCLUDING

NEGOTIATION OF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO THE UN COMMAND, PROVIDED ARMISTICE AGREEMENT (BASIS OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN KOREAN PENINSULA FOR OVER 20 YEARS) IS MAINTAINED. TO MAKE THIS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR, WE HAVE ACCEPTED A FRENCH AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF FRIENDLY DRAFT RES WHICH REPLACES PHRASE "INCLUDING FUTURE OF UN COMMAND" WITH PHRASE "INCLUDING DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT." MOREOVER, US FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA ARE NOT RPT NOT UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF UN COMMAND BUT ARE THERE UNDER TERMS OF A BILATERAL MUTUAL SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH ROK IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 102 OF THE UN CHARTER.

4. HOSTILE DRAFT, HOWEVER, REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE VALIDITY OF BILATERAL SECURITY AGREEMENT, WOULD PRECIPITOUSLY DISMANTLE ARRANGEMENTS (UN COMMAND) WHICH HAVE PRESERVED PEACE AND STABILITY WITHOUT FIRST PROVIDING FOR SUBSTITUTE ARRANGEMENT, MAKES NO MENTION OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND FAILS TO REAFFIRM IN ITS OPERATIVE PORTIONS THE NEED FOR CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO KOREAS.

5. AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO MAKE POINT THAT NONALIGNED COUNTRIES ARE EVEN MORE SHARPLY DIVIDED ON KOREAN ISSUE THAN ON KHMER ISSUE, WITH AFRICAN AND ARAB COSPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS ON BOTH SIDES OF QUESTION. FINALLY, HE SHOULD NOTE HIGH IMPORTANCE TO US OF CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME ON KOREAN ITEM AND IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO NEPAL'S POSITION THEREON.

6. REPORT RESULTS YOUR DEMARCHE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
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VOTE ON KOREA NOW EXPECTED MONDAY, DECEMBER 9. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AND INITIATIVE ON BOTH THESE MATTERS OF SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US. KISSINGER

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